

syndrome (2, 10). In 1981, Eng & Mandrea (2) reported 2 cases of MICC occurring on the pubic area and groin of 2 healthy children. Recently, Lee et al. (10) described a case of solitary MICC, developing on the dorsum of the right hand of a healthy 21-year-old woman. The latter case and the ones described here suggest that MICC can be either solitary or multiple in the absence of Down's syndrome.

The pathogenic mechanism of MICC remains unclear. We believe that a preceding local trauma may have been responsible for the development of the lesion in our patients, as sites such as the sole or fingers are vulnerable to minor injury. In the second case the patient had a history of pricking by a rose thorn before the lesion occurred. In our opinion MICC is merely a term describing a calcinosis cutis resembling milia clinocopathologically and its pathogenesis may be different in each case.

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Mohs Micrographic Surgery in Gothenburg, Sweden

Sir,

We very much enjoyed the positive comments of Professor Cunliffe on Mohs micrographic surgery (MMS) in Sweden, but we have to make some corrections based on our extensive experience. The paper commented on (1) is a follow-up report to our initial 5-year experience of the procedure. Since then the method has been used regularly and more frequently.

Since 1983 we have operated on more than 660 skin cancers using this procedure and we currently carry out about 70 cases/year and all patients are followed up continuously for 5–10 years. The procedure is updated at regular visits to other Mohs centres abroad, and since 1994 the single section method (2) has been used routinely when applicable, which speeds up the procedure and simplifies the orientation of the tissue specimen.

In order to decrease the number of Mohs layers at each operation, preoperative demarcation of the tumours using fluorescence has been tested. The results are published in a preliminary communication (3). Here the lateral limitations of the tumour could be outlined in about 50% of the cases when

checked by MMS. After further refinement of this technique we hope that it will be a valuable complement to MMS.

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